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SUBJ: FOODGRAIN SITUATION

REF: STATE 159883 B, BD-4065

1. RECALCULATION OF MONTHLY (APRIL - DECEMBER 1974) SUPPLY/
DISTRIBUTION ESTIMATE FOLLOWS: (CHANGES BASED ON RECEIPT ACTUAL
IMPORTS AND OFF-TAKES, LATER INFORMATION ON SCHEDULED ARRIVALS,
AND NEW BDG SITUATION REPORT AS FORWARDED REF (B).)

2. IMPORT/RATION SYSTEM FOODGRAIN OFFTAKE IN THOUSAND MT.

A. APRIL 1, 1(4 STOCKS	168	
ACTUAL IMPORTS	147	
ACTUAL OFFTAKE (FROM FOOD MINISTRY)	144	
B. MAY 1 STOCKS	171	
ACTUAL IMPORTS	224	
ACTUAL OFFTAKE	175	
C. JUNE 1 STOCKS	220	
ACTUAL IMPORTS	534	
ESTIMATED DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT	20	
ACTUAL OFFTAKE	126	
D. JULY 1 STOCKS	248	
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	200	
COMMERCIAL	175	

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ESTIMATED DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT	20
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	150
E. AUGUST 1 STOCKS	318
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	152
COMMERCIAL	30
AUSTRALIAN CREDIT	45
JAPAN	6
PL 480, TITLE I	71
ESTIMATED DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT	20
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	150
F. SEPTEMBER 1 STOCKS	340
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	120
COMMERCIAL	30
CANADA	60
EEC	30
ESTIMATED DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT	10
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	175
G. OCTOBER 1 STOCKS	295
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	130
EEC	40
CANADA	40
PL 480, TITLE I	50
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	175
H. NOVEMBER 1 STOCKS	250
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	95
EEC	45
PL 480, TITLE I	50
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	130
I. DECEMBER 1 STOCKS	215
ESTIMATED ARRIVALS	0
ESTIMATED OFFTAKE	120
J. JANUARY 1 STOCKS	95

3. COMMENT: CURRENT HEAVY MONSOON: A) DELAYING DISCHARGE; AND B) FOOD SECRETARY FORECASTS DAMAGE TO RIPE AUS CROP AND RESULT IN NEED FOR INCREASED OFFTAKE FOR MODIFIED RATIONEES. MARH SPRIRUS REMAIN HIGH BUT STABLE DURING LAST FEW WEEKS OF RAIN.

THE TIMING OF USG ACTION ON THE FY 1975 PL 480 TITLE I ALLOCATION OF 100,000 TONS OF US WHEAT WILL BE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR BANGLADESH. THIS WHEAT MUST ARRIVE BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AMAN PHOP HARVEST IF IT IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE NORMALLY LEAN PERIOD. TO THIS END, WE WILL NEED TO SEE SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF THE CUBAN PROBLEM, RECEIPT OF NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS, AND RAPID AGREEMENT WITH THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT.

ALREADY, AS WE ENTER THIS NORMALLY LEAN PERIOD, THE STOCK POSITION IS DANGEROUSLY LOW. AS A MINIMUM, PIPELINE REQUIRES AROUND 100,000 MT FOODGRAINS. STOCKS ARE, OF COURSE, SUBJECT

TO VICISSITUDES OF WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION, ETC., WHICH COULD
JEOPARDIZE THE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. A LOW STOCK POSITION AT
THE END OF THE YEAR IS NOT AS CRITICAL BECAUSE IT IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWS AMAN WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES ARE PLENTIFUL. (BDG CAN BE
PROCURING DOMESTICALLY DURING THIS PERIOD FOR USE LATER MONTHS).

THE FOREGOING CALCULATIONS DO NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT AN
ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTRY'S FOOD SITUATION.
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